

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure.

Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

A method of purifying a treatment target substance containing a fluorine-containing surfactant which includes removing at least part of the fluorine-containing surfactant from the treatment target substance by contacting the treatment target substance with a gas containing carbon dioxide. The fluorine-containing surfactant is an ether oxygen-free anionic compound represented by one of general formulae (1) and (2) as defined herein.